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1. Ventspils, Latvia, located on the west coast of the peninsula, approximately 30 miles southwest of the entrance to the bay of Riga, is approached by the following channel:

| Latitude | Longitude |
|------------|------------|
| 57°31'14"N | 21°22'12"E |
| 57 28 36 | 21 26 12 |
| 57 25 00 | 21 31 00 |
| 57 28 24 | 21 25 28 |
| 57 24 54 | 21 30 42 |
| 57 24 30 | 21 31 30 |

From this point the beacon lights should be followed into the harbor. The positions indicate the central line of the channel. Though the channel is presumably 3 miles wide, there is a possibility that mines may be found at the edges; it is therefore advisable to steer close to the center at all times.

2. Reval, Estonia.

- a. Northern Channel. The following geographic coordinates indicate the center of the channel, the width of which is reported to be 5 cable lengths (1 cable length equals 200-240 yards).

| Latitude | Longitude |
|------------|------------|
| 59°35'53"N | 24°40'45"E |
| 59 30 42 | 24 44 36 |

From this point the beacon light should be followed into the harbor. No ships are allowed to drop anchor in Reval roads, nor in the narrows between the island of Nargoen (Naissar) and the Surop (Suurupi) peninsula. The reason for these restrictions is unknown.

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b. Southern Channel.

| Latitude | Longitude |
|------------|------------|
| 59°30'00"N | 24°20'00"E |
| 59 30 15 | 24 20 00 |
| 59 30 15 | 24 32 36 |
| 59 29 45 | 24 20 00 |
| 59 29 45 | 24 32 36 |
| 59 30 00 | 24 32 36 |
| 59 30 42 | 24 44 36 |

From this point the beacon line should be continued at 159° into the harbor.

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